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1. VAKIC VISIT. THE PROVERBIAL YUGOSLAV RIGHT HAND AND LEFT HAND SEEM TO BE HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING TOGETHER LATELY. THE INFORMATION ON THE VAKIC VISIT IN BELGRADE 6192 IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE'VE BEEN TOLD HERE. BOTH THE EMBASSY AND THE CHAMBER OF ECONOMY OFFICE IN NEW YORK HAVE SAID THAT VAKIC WILL VISIT WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 25. THEY HAVE ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH SECRETARY KREPS, A LUNCHEON AT COMMERCE, AND AN AFTERNOON ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. SINCE KREPS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 25, THE REQUEST WAS SENT TO UNDER SECRETARY HARMON.

2. WHEN WE RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE, WE CONTACTED PECI-POPOVIC  
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AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE IN NEW YORK. HE SAID THAT THE OCT. 4-6 DATES REFLECTED EARLIER PLANNING AND THAT, AT THE SUGGESTION OF BELOVSKI, VAKIC WAS ASKED TO MOVE UP THE WASHINGTON STOP TO THE BEGINNING OF HIS VISIT. PECI-POPOVIC PROMISED TO RE-CONFIRM HIS INFORMATION WITH BELGRADE AND REPORT BACK BY MID-WEEK. WE SUSPECT THAT BELOVSKI UNILATERALLY CHANGED VAKIC'S SCHEDULE, AND WE'RE LEFT WONDERING

IF VAKIC HAS AGREED. AT THIS POINT, SINCE WE HAVE COMMERCE  
MOVING ON THE SEPTEMBER 25 PROGRAM WE WOULD PREFER THAT DATE

FOR THE VAKIC VISIT -- EVEN IF IT COINCIDES WITH LJUBICIC  
VISIT. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU CONTACT THE CHAMBER AGAIN AND  
TRY TO SORT OUT THE CONFUSION. WE HOPE THIS CAN BE  
SETTLED BEFORE WE NEED TO CLEAR WITH COMMERCE AN OPEN  
CHANNEL REPLY TO YOUR MESSAGE. THE CONFUSION OVER THE  
VAKIC VISIT IS JUST THE KIND OF THING SOME PEOPLE IN  
COMMERCE WILL USE TO ARGUE AGAINST MAKING A SPECIAL EFFORT  
TO HELP THE YUGOSLAVS. CHRISTOPHER

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